

STATEMENT OF WORK

Moldova Post Compact Monitoring and Evaluation Support

A. Introduction

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a U.S. Government corporation whose mission is to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry. For more information on the MCC, please visit www.mcc.gov.

B. Program and Project Overview

In January 2010, MCC signed a five-year \$262 million Compact with the Republic of Moldova. The MCC Compact in Moldova entered into force (EIF) in September 2010, formally initiating the 5-year timeline for project implementation. The Compact closed in September 2015, although monitoring and evaluation of the Compact's projects/activities will continue for some time afterward. The Compact consisted of the following two projects:

- *Transition to High Value Agriculture Project:* The objective of the Transition to High Value Agriculture Project was to increase agricultural incomes by stimulating the production and improved marketing of high value fruit and vegetables. The project primarily targeted farming communities located along the two major rivers, the Prut to the west and the Nistru to the east, but will also benefit areas of the country already able to access irrigation water and produce high value agriculture. Under the project, Moldova's MCC Compact funding repaired 10 large irrigation systems servicing over 11,500 hectares; provided technical assistance and capacity building to establish 10 Water User Associations (WUAs) to manage the rebuilt systems; provided over \$11.7 million in agricultural loans to farmers; and helped farmers increase sales of produce in new global markets.
- *Road Rehabilitation Project:* The project rehabilitated 96 kilometers of the M2 and R9 roads between Sarateni to a major junction north of the city of Soroca. The road works also included small community infrastructure improvements in towns and villages along the road, as well as a feasibility study, environmental and social impact assessment, detailed design and resettlement action plan.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State Chancellery of the Government of Moldova and MCC was signed on November 6, 2015, bringing into effect the Post Compact M&E Plan which serves as a guide for monitoring Post Compact sustainability of MCC investments during the period 2016-2022.

C. Country

Moldova

D. Scope and Objectives

The Monitoring & Evaluation Division of the MCC's Department of Policy and Evaluation is seeking a consultant to assist in a number of monitoring and evaluation tasks related to the management of post compact monitoring and evaluation for both Compact projects described above. In addition, the consultant may be asked to assist with gathering data needed to update the economic rates of return (ERRs).

E. Tasks

The consultant's assignments may include the following:

Task 1: Background Review, Develop Work Plans, and Preparatory and Travel Activities

- Undertake background research as necessary
 - Gather information about MCA-Moldova Monitoring and Evaluation lessons learned
 - Interview key stakeholders to ensure solid understanding of MCA-Moldova's Monitoring and Evaluation program during MCC's Compact
- Develop a preliminary work plan, to be updated as needed, at least semi-annually
- Prepare trip scopes of works for approval, presentation of plans to MCC, compose trip reports
- Travel to MCC headquarters as necessary for M&E support activities, results dissemination
 - Meet with MCC/M&E, Economics, and sector leads as relevant and needed
 - Meet with visiting MCA staff (e.g. during M&E College events)

- Present lessons learned from the Moldova compact

Task 2: Execution of MCC's Post Compact M&E Plan and related activities

- Cooperate with MCC and key government entities in adhering to the approved post compact M&E Plan which will guide the delivery of key post compact M&E deliverables, including but not limited to a yearly post compact Indicator Tracking Table (ITT) and yearly report
- Provide assistance and capacity building to key government entities by training them how to compile the necessary indicator data for the post compact ITT and verifying the collected data through quality checks as necessary
- Support for MCC's data collection for Moldova close-out ERRs

Task 3: Support MCC's post compact Independent Evaluators

- Monitor various MCC evaluation contractors
 - Review evaluation deliverables, and submit comments and recommendation for/against approval of each deliverable to MCC's Monitoring and Evaluation Lead, as appropriate
- Work with MCC independent evaluation contractors, to develop data collection budgets, provide input on data collection materials, monitor the quality of the evaluator's data collection subcontractors, assist with logistical arrangements (such as for fieldwork, meetings, or presentations), coordinate with other entities to obtain administrative data, and other tasks as directed.
- Work with key government entities to organize workshops, seminars, conference, or other events through which to disseminate, question, verify, and/or confirm findings of MCC's independent evaluations

Task 4: MCA M&E capacity building in other Compact/Threshold-eligible countries

- As requested, develop and implement targeted M&E capacity building programs for MCA Monitoring and Evaluation Departments in Compact/Threshold programs in development or implementation
- Attend relevant events in other MCC-countries at which lessons learned from the Moldova Compact and MCA-Moldova's M&E efforts would contribute tangibly to the given event's impact (e.g. during M&E College events)

F. Conflict of Interest

The consultant would be precluded from bidding on work and services (design, assessment, construction and supervision) to be procured by the local MCA accountable entity or using funds advanced under a Compact in the relevant country; unless the consultant submits a mitigation plan sufficient to ameliorate any conflict of interest pursuant to the rules applicable to the procurement process. The designated Consultant would be expected to coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development and implementation as well as other donors, where relevant. However, designated Consultant would work directly with the designated COR/PM to receive technical directives within the scope of the contract.

G. Deliverables

The Consultant will provide services to MCC on an as needed basis, as required. No additional tasks shall imply any additional costs to the Government beyond the amount allowed for in the initial call order and any subsequent modifications.

- Conference calls
- Draft and follow up detailed work plans including proposed indicators for continued tracking
- Trip SOWs and reports, as relevant
- Brief quarterly reports
- Other deliverables to be determined in agreement with technical point of contact

H. Period of Performance

The anticipated period of performance of this call order is five years from the date of contract award. The estimated level of effort required to complete the tasks included in this statement of work is indicated in the following table. MCC *anticipates* this level of effort but does not *guarantee* this level of effort as it may decrease at the sole discretion of MCC. The contract level of effort may also increase at the sole discretion of MCC, with a corresponding contract amendment.

Task	Estimated Hours Yr 1	Estimated Hours Yr 2	Estimated Hours Yr 3	Estimated Hours Yr 4	Estimated Hours Yr 5
1. M&E Tasks	520	520	520	520	520
Total	520	520	520	520	520

I. Performance Location

The consultant will be required to perform work in Chisinau, Moldova, in other MCC Compact/Threshold-eligible countries, at his or her home office and/or MCC's Washington, D.C. office.

J. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)/Project Monitor (PM)

The COR/PM shall have technical responsibility over the Consultant. Any change in the terms of the Call Order must be made in writing and approved by the Contracting Officer. No representation of the COR/PM shall serve as a basis for an alteration in the general scope of this Contract or of the terms and conditions of the Contract unless confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer. The Consultant must communicate with the prime contractor (MBO Partners) on all matters that pertain to the Contract terms, and the prime contractor must in turn communicate with the Contracting Officer. Proceeding with work without proper contractual coverage could result in nonpayment for that work.